



ANN LANDERS

See Your Doctor

Dear Ann Landers: When I tell you my problem, please don't say, "Your husband is crazy." I KNOW he is crazy. What I need to know is what to do about it.

About three weeks ago, Vernon (that's my crazy husband) gave our five-year-old boy a puff of his cigar. The boy didn't choke like I thought he would. He seemed to like it. So Vernon gave him another puff. Now, whenever Vernon lights up a cigar Junior asks for a puff and Vernon gives it to him.

Last night we had company and Vernon lit a cigar for himself and then, so help me, he lit one for Junior and handed it to him. The guests thought it was the most hilarious thing they had ever seen. One of the guests saw my look of horror and said, "Don't worry about it, cigars are a lot better for kids than cigarettes." I found little consolation in this remark.

Please tell me what to do about this appalling situation.—H.F.Y.

Dear H.F.Y.: A father who would entertain his friends with a parlor trick of this kind is pathetic. No five-year-old kid should be given puffs from a cigar. Ask your doctor to telephone crazy Vernon or drop him a note in the mail. It's apparent that your husband pays no attention to you whatever, and Junior needs someone to speak in his behalf.

Dear Ann Landers: I have epilepsy. I live in Ohio. I carry on a correspondence with two friends in Pennsylvania who are epileptics also. The experiences we have shared because of our illness is heart-breaking. It is hard to believe that people can be so mean and ignorant.

My epilepsy has been controlled through medication for the last three years. I have not had a single seizure in all that time. My friends have had almost as good results as I have. We are worried about what will become of us when we graduate from high school in two years. There are so many places that will not hire epileptics. They have the mistaken idea that we are mentally ill and therefore we would be poor job risks.

Will you please say something in your column to educate the public? A great many people would appreciate it.—A FRIEND

Dear Friend: Epilepsy is no longer the mystery it once was. While the cause of epilepsy is still unknown, about one person in every 200 in the United States has it. There is evidence, however, that a brain injury, whether caused by infection, accident or birth defect preceded the illness. Epileptics have the right to be hired on the basis of their ability. Most epilepsy can be controlled by drugs today and there is no reason for an epileptic to be turned down for the job—except of course ignorance, and education is the cure for THAT.

Dear Ann: My husband and I were divorced four years ago. Our daughter was 18. It was a messy divorce, court fight, dirty linen laundered in public and I very nearly had a nervous breakdown.

Now my daughter wants her father to walk her down the aisle and give her in marriage next June. I say this is like slapping my face in public. What do you say?—OMEGA

Dear O.: I say it's HER wedding, HER day, HER father. She should decide.

Do you feel ill at ease... out of it is everybody having a good time but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request 25c in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Victoria Street To Open

A ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday will mark the completion of the improvement of Victoria Street between Figueroa and Main streets in the newly incorporated city of Carson.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn will be joined by members of the Carson City Council at the Figueroa Street intersection at 10:30 a.m. to officially open the street.

Also expected are Dr. Leo Cain, president of Cal State, Dominguez Hills; Rick Thomas, student body president at the college; Captain Pat Ford, California State Highway Patrol; and Carl Hoffman, president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.

CONSTRUCTION was completed by Sully-Miller Contracting Co. of Long Beach under a \$194,340 contract.

The project included the improvement of a 765-foot section of Broadway in the vicinity of Figueroa Street and a 300-foot portion of 190th Street west of Figueroa Street in the city of Los Angeles.

Work on the one-third mile section of Victoria Street consisted of reconstructing and widening the minimum two-lane roadway to provide a four-lane, fully-curbed and divided highway within a 100-foot right-of-way.

IN ADDITION, the traffic signals at the intersections of Victoria Street with Figueroa Street and Broadway were upgraded and the signals within the limits of the project were interconnected to provide a smooth flow of traffic.

Sidewalks were also constructed on both sides of Victoria Street within the limits of the project.

Both sides of 190th Street were widened with pavement and curbs to provide a smooth transition with Victoria Street.

The improvements on Broadway consisted of reconstructing the roadway with concrete pavement and constructing curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Man's Nude Body Found In Apartment

A Torrance man depressed over being "good for nothing" apparently took his own life Monday afternoon. The nude body of Fred Henry Buck, 41, was discovered by a friend stretched out on the bed in his apartment, 212 Palos Verdes Blvd., Apt. H.

Police said there was a bullet wound in Buck's head and an automatic pistol lying nearby. Earlier, Buck had told the friend that he didn't see any reason to go on living, police reported.



TEACHER HONORED... Fr. Barry Agellini (right), a teacher at Bishop Montgomery High School, has been honored by the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering for his contributions in motivating students in the study of mathematics and science. The award was presented by Dr. Chauncey Starr, dean of the Department of Engineering at UCLA.



PRESENT SUNDIAL... Mayor Albert Isen (left) accepts a sundial for the city presented by Home Savings and Loan Association. John Ekblad, assistant vice president and manager of Home's Torrance office, made the presentation. At right is Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation for the city. The sundial, now in place before the Torrance Recreation Center, is an armillary type first used in the 16th Century in the form of a ring. It was especially designed for the city.

One-Third Mark Hit By YMCA

The Torrance Family YMCA's drive for its 1968 campaign funds hit the one-third mark last Thursday night as \$41,276 in cash was reported as pledged.

An additional \$15,035 was reported at the campaign dinner, with top honors for funds raised going to YMCA Board Chairman Marshall Stewart, with \$520, and Jean Clawson for the ladies, with \$500. Frank Kenney's section led with \$5,228, while Bill Cave's division led with \$1,484. John Stenberg and Dale Olson met their quotas in the second week.

The funds will go to support the 233 clubs and youth activities of the Torrance Family YMCA, which has one of the largest programs in the country, as well as a summer camping program. The drive is the largest Y drive in Southern California.

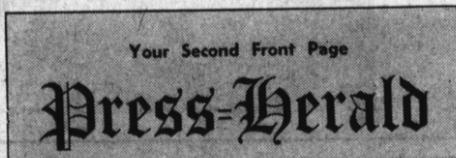
A goal of \$122,222.22 has been set for the drive.

'Horn' Set To Start Run Friday

Neil Simon's comedy "Come Blow Your Horn" will open at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., Friday evening for a five-week run.

Dave Mizrahi will direct the production for the Kentwood Players. The cast includes Jack Frey, Jo Ann Gangara, Nancy Harris, George Hedges, Eddythe Sills, and Murray Weisfeld.

Simon's story concerns two brothers — one an urbane playboy and one a young, just-about-to-try-his-wings type — who get involved with their parents and two girl friends.



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Women Should Choose Luxury

A fox fur, a petit point evening bag and a typewriter were items recently auctioned off to a small, select group of businesswomen.

There was only one bid on the fox, which, with a little remodeling could have given added luxury and beauty to a suit or hat.

Two half-hearted bids way below even the cost of the purse lining went toward the evening bag. They all "had one" or had no use for one, they said.

But the typewriter, Mon Dieu! From the action and the screams during the active bidding, you would have thought it was the necklace of Marie Antoinette.

There were groans and howls of disappointment from the losers. The price paid for the machine was no bargain.

Therein lies a perfect example of the decline and fall of femininity in this country.

Businesswomen who pound typewriters all day long, then buy another to take home on which to write letters to other lonely women, make my heart bleed. However, they are more to be pitied than scorned.

But didn't a few other than the two or three women realize that an elegant evening bag or fur might have been a great aid to get something better to take home eventually, like a man?

You American women are losing your imagination, which is a prime necessity if you want to remain feminine. And working doesn't help the cause one single bit.

In days gone by women spent hours matching buttons or pieces of material. Those simple little chores kept them

Wilmington Man Faces Drunk Rap

A Wilmington man was arrested for felony drunk driving early Saturday morning after his car collided with another vehicle on 190th Street near Hawthorne Boulevard.

Oro Harry King, 421 E. 229th St., Wilmington, told police he couldn't remember his car's straying across the center divider. However, he said he remembered colliding with a car driven by William J. Lating of Gardena. Lating and his three passengers were all treated for injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Both cars sustained major damage.

FOR FRIDAY Music Event Set at West

Louis Palange, director of five Southern California Symphony orchestras and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Concert Band, will be featured as guest conductor at a music festival to be given by elementary and high school students at the West High School at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Participating schools will include: Anza, Flavian, Jefferson, Sepulveda, Steele, Towers, Victor, and Wright elementary schools and West High School.

Conductor of the Beach Cities, Downey, Hollywood-Wilshire, Metropolitan, and Southeast Symphonies, Palange began his musical career in Oakland. He played clarinet in the Oakland Municipal Band and bassoon in the Oakland Civic Symphony Orchestra.

in F." Frescobaldi's "Toccatto," Barnes' "Fidd'osophy," Elliott's "Prelude Passacaglia and Fugue," Graham's "Beguine," "Di-Re-Mi," "Green Isles," "Music to Watch Girls By," Schubert's "Menuetto from the Fifth Symphony," Cofield's "Clarinets Allegro," "Tropical Twilight," "Georgy Girl," "Joshua Fit de Battle," Palange's "Campus Bells," and "Sound of Music."

Coordinating the concert are Dr. Lloyd Jones, curriculum consultant, and Mrs. Kay Denney, West High student activities advisor.

Dr. Owen Griffith, a member of the Board of Education, will deliver the welcome address.

Topless Measure Scuttled

SACRAMENTO — A bill which would have given local government the jurisdiction to adopt its own regulations on topless waitresses, gambling, ticket scalping, and drunk on private property in public view has been scuttled by the senate committee on governmental efficiency.

The bill, AB114 by Assemblyman W. Craig Biddle, R-Riverside, already had been approved by the assembly. The GE committee action gave the bill an identical history to a similar bill in 1967 which passed the assembly and was killed in the senate committee.

Opposition from the League of California Cities generally was credited with stopping the bill. Richard Carpenter, of the League, said he had polled all city attorneys and a majority expressed opposition to the measure. He said the attorneys felt it was better to leave the law as it was and take their chances with future court decisions.

Airport Meeting

Members of the city's Airport Commission will meet tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Torrance City Hall.

PRIOR TO World War II, he was arranger and assistant conductor of the Los Angeles County Band. In addition to conducting, he has written symphony music and background music for 32 documentary films recorded at Warner Brothers, Paramount, and Republic Studios.

Chairman of the music festival is James Davidson, West High music teacher. Instrumental music teachers participating include: Ronald Large, Kenneth Pipes, David Sherman, Richard Snyder, and Michael Stafford.

SELECTIONS to be played include: Holst's "March Suite"

Furniture, Jewelry Taken From Residence

Diamond jewelry and furniture worth \$1,275 were stolen Monday night from a Torrance residence at 24706 Via Valmonte.

The theft was reported to police by 17-year-old Julie Taylor, who found the house a shambles Monday morning after returning home. She had been staying with a girlfriend while her parents were out of town.

The Taylors suspect a former employee of Mrs. Taylor's.

PROFILE: GEORGE R. PERKOVICH

Presiding Judge Started Career as an Iron Miner

The presiding judge for the South Bay Municipal Court was an iron miner in Minnesota as a teenager.

Judge George R. Perkovich, now 43, was appointed to the bench in December, 1966. Today he is the man in charge of the "nerve center" of the courthouse in Torrance. He is responsible for the court calendar and assigns the case load for the four municipal court judges.

As a boy, Perkovich followed the family trade by working in the mines. During the middle of World War II he qualified for Air Force pilot training in California. A year later, he flew eight missions and the war ended.

Upon his return home, the judge's father, who could not read or write, gave George a "bank book" and told him to go to college.

Perkovich attended junior college and the University of Minnesota. He did not know what profession to follow, but his program was geared to law.

After graduation, Perkovich moved to California and spent 17 years practicing law in the Westchester-Inglewood area.

He was named to a judgeship by Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

and his wife, Florine, have three sons, George Robert, 9, Franklin W., 8, and Paul, 3, and a daughter, Katie, 7. A son, Michael, 4, recently died from leukemia.

Few of the judge's activities do not involve his family. He rarely leaves home on weekends without his family. The children are involved in 4-H Club and Little League and he takes an interest in everything they do.

When assigned to Night Court on Mondays, Judge Perkovich makes a point to take one of his children to court to provide a good impression of what's going on. He recommends that parents familiarize their children with law.

Judge Perkovich is active in politics. He does not believe politics should be treated as something sinful. "Party politics loses some of its effectiveness if you just sit back and takes what people select for you," says Perkovich.

The judge believes the most exciting political campaign was in 1960 when John F. Kennedy ran for President of the United States. "Kennedy was electrifying when he walked into a room. He could light up a crowd," Perkovich said in describing his first meeting with the presidential candidate.

Perkovich says the advantage of a judgeship over practicing law as an attorney is the ability of a judge to be objective.



GEORGE R. PERKOVICH

The jurist had an opportunity to work with the late Judge Otto B. Willett for six months and gained a great deal of experience. Perkovich filled Judge Willett's unexpired term as presiding judge following his death last year. "Muni-Court is the people's court," says Perkovich. "It is here where we sell the system or degrade it," he believes.

For this reason he dwells on court organization and is apprehensive about continuing cases.

A resident of 2422 Colt Road, Miralste, Judge Perko-